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17 Jan 89

From: Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
Division

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Facilities

Subj: PAST CHEMICAL DISPOSAL PRACTICES AT DRMO LOT 203

Ref: (a) Onsite visit by LtCol Wellington, SJA, Nadine Hipp,
DRMO, Mr. Joe Poliotti, Retired DRMO Civil Service,
Sammy Gwynn and J. I. Wooten, NREAD on 13 Jan 89 at
1200 hours

Encl: (1) DRMO Lot 203 map with chemical disposal information

1. During the reference, Mr. Poliotti pointed out several different spots both within and outside the Lot 203 fence where various chemical i.e. PCB, electrolyte from used battery, cleaning solvents and waste oil disposal occurred by DRMO employees during the period 1963 to 1980 (approximately 17 years). Mr. Poliotti advised that pesticides were stored in a trailer at Lot 203 and he was not aware of any pesticides being buried at Lot 203. Enclosure (1) provides general Lot 203 chemical disposal locations which were pointed out by Mr. Poliotti during the reference.

2. Mr. Poliotti mentioned that four each former DRMO Lot 203 employees had died and at least one died of cancer.

3. It is recommended Base Safety and PMU be tasked with investigating the DRMO Lot 203 work site in light of the 9 Jan 89 discovery of buried DDT and the information provided by Mr. Poliotti during the reference alleging indiscriminate disposal of several chemicals mentioned in paragraph one above. Base Safety and PMU should provide recommendation relative to any immediate threat to humans ASAP but no later than 1 February 89 as civilian employees are assigned to Lot 203 daily and are performing official duties throughout the fenced complex.


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